

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;  
**I BELIEVE I AM THE ORIGINAL, FIRST, AND SOLE INVENTOR** (if only one name is listed below) OR **AN ORIGINAL, FIRST, AND JOINT INVENTOR** (if more than one name is listed below) OF THE SUBJECT MATTER WHICH IS CLAIMED AND FOR WHICH A PATENT IS SOUGHT ON THE INVENTION

Entitled: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NEW PRODUCT CLEARANCE AND DEVELOPMENT** the specification of which:

(check  is attached hereto:  
 one)

was filed on as  
 Application Serial No. and  
 was filed on as  
 Application Serial No.  
 and was amended on

(if applicable)

I HAVE REVIEWED AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED SPECIFICATION, INCLUDING THE CLAIMS, AS AMENDED BY ANY AMENDMENT REFERRED TO ABOVE:

I ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION WHICH IS MATERIAL TO THE PATENTABILITY OF THIS APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 37, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, Sec. 1.56(a) which states: "A patent by its very nature is affected with a public interest. The public interest is best served, and the most effective patent examination occurs when, at the time an application is being examined, the Office is aware of and evaluates the teachings of all information material to patentability. Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with this Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section. The duty to disclose information exists with respect to each pending claim until the claim is cancelled or withdrawn from consideration, or the application becomes abandoned".

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Sec. 119 and/or Sec. 365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate as indicated below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY/INTERNATIONAL	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (Day, Month, Year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
None			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

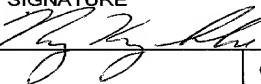
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None		

I HEREBY APPOINT THE FOLLOWING AS OUR ATTORNEYS WITH FULL POWER OF SUBSTITUTION TO PROSECUTE THIS APPLICATION AND TRANSACT ALL BUSINESS IN THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE CONNECTED THEREWITH:

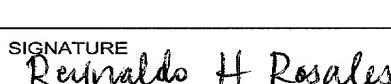
W. Keith Turner Allen H. Uzzell Timothy J. Hadlock	REGISTRATION NO. 26,816 27,602 35,531	ASSOCIATE POWER OF ATTORNEY ATTACHED Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO:	Chevron Corporation Law Department Patent and Licensing Unit P.O. Box 6006 San Ramon, CA 94583-0806
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

FULL NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST JOINT INVENTOR <b>NANCY K. SMRCKA</b>	SIGNATURE 	DATE <i>3/2/01</i>
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RESIDENCE <b>524 Grandview Court Point Richmond, CA 94801</b>	CITIZENSHIP <b>U.S.A.</b>
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RESIDENCE <b>3509 Glenwood Drive Fairfield, CA 94533</b>	CITIZENSHIP <b>U.S.A.</b>
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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
CONTINUATION PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL INVENTORS**

(This page must be attached to a completed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney before Signing.)

FULL NAME OF THIRD JOINT INVENTOR, IF ANY <b>THOMAS J. BALK</b>		
RESIDENCE <b>767 Castro Street San Francisco, CA 94114</b>		SIGNATURE <i>Thomas J. Balk</i>
POST OFFICE ADDRESS  (Same as above)		DATE <b>02/07/2001</b>
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FULL NAME OF FOURTH JOINT INVENTOR, IF ANY		
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FULL NAME OF FIFTH JOINT INVENTOR, IF ANY		
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FULL NAME OF SIXTH JOINT INVENTOR, IF ANY		
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FULL NAME OF SEVENTH JOINT INVENTOR, IF ANY		
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FULL NAME OF EIGHTH JOINT INVENTOR, IF ANY		
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FULL NAME OF NINTH JOINT INVENTOR, IF ANY		
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FULL NAME OF TENTH JOINT INVENTOR, IF ANY		
RESIDENCE		SIGNATURE
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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, we, **NANCY K. SMRCKA**, residing in the City of Point Richmond, County of Contra Costa, State of California; **REYNALDO H. ROSALES**, residing in the City of Fairfield, County of Solano, State of California; and **THOMAS J. BALK**, residing in the City of San Francisco, County of San Francisco, State of California, have invented new and useful improvements in **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NEW PRODUCT CLEARANCE AND DEVELOPMENT**, set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States,

having an oath or declaration executed on even date herewith;  
[ ] bearing Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and filed on \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, CHEVRON ORONITE COMPANY LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under and by virtue of the law of the State of Delaware, and having a regular and established place of business in San Ramon, California, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in and to the Letters Patent to be granted and issued therefor:

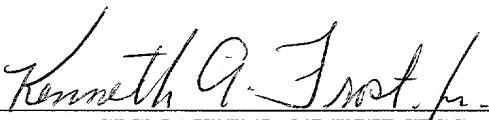
NOW, THEREFORE, for a valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, **NANCY K. SMRCKA**, do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto said CHEVRON ORONITE COMPANY LLC, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in and to all Letters Patent to be granted and issued therefor, not only for, to and in the United States of America, but for, to and in all other countries; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment.

SIGNED my hand at Richmond, California, this 2 day of February, 2001.

  
NANCY K. SMRCKA

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, Kenneth A. Frost, Jr., whose full post office address is 595 Thornwood Terrace, San Rafael CA., was personally present and did see **Nancy K. Smrcka** who is known to me, execute the above assignment on this 2 day of February, 2001.

  
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

**A S S I G N M E N T**

WHEREAS, we, **NANCY K. SMRCKA**, residing in the City of Point Richmond, County of Contra Costa, State of California; **REYNALDO H. ROSALES**, residing in the City of Fairfield, County of Solano, State of California; and **THOMAS J. BALK**, residing in the City of San Francisco, County of San Francisco, State of California, have invented new and useful improvements in **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NEW PRODUCT CLEARANCE AND DEVELOPMENT**, set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States,

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NOW, THEREFORE, for a valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, **REYNALDO H. ROSALES**, do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto said CHEVRON ORONITE COMPANY LLC, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in and to all Letters Patent to be granted and issued therefor, not only for, to and in the United States of America, but for, to and in all other countries; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment.

SIGNED my hand at Richmond, California, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.

Reynaldo H. Rosales  
**REYNALDO H. ROSALES**

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, Lynnette L. Campbell, whose full post office address is 1689 Clark Lane, Concord, CA 94521, was personally present and did see **Reynaldo H. Rosales** who is known to me, execute the above assignment on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.

Lynnette L. Campbell  
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, we, **NANCY K. SMRCKA**, residing in the City of Point Richmond, County of Contra Costa, State of California; **REYNALDO H. ROSALES**, residing in the City of Fairfield, County of Solano, State of California; and **THOMAS J. BALK**, residing in the City of San Francisco, County of San Francisco, State of California, have invented new and useful improvements in **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NEW PRODUCT CLEARANCE AND DEVELOPMENT**, set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States,

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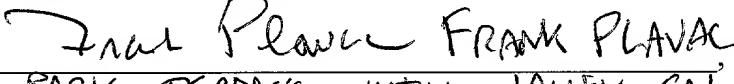
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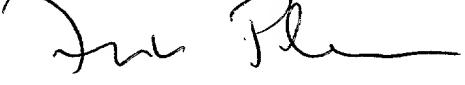
NOW, THEREFORE, for a valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, **THOMAS J. BALK**, do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto said CHEVRON ORONITE COMPANY LLC, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in and to all Letters Patent to be granted and issued therefor, not only for, to and in the United States of America, but for, to and in all other countries; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment.

SIGNED my hand at Richmond, California, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.

  
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**THOMAS J. BALK**

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I,  **Frank Plavac**, whose full post office address is 14 PARK TERRACE, MILL VALLEY, CAL., was personally present and did see **Thomas J. Balk** who is known to me, execute the above assignment on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.

  
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**SIGNATURE OF WITNESS**